

Richard E. Brooks

**Rear Admiral, United States Navy
Commander, Naval Safety Center**



Rear Admiral Richard E. Brooks, a native of Portland, Oregon, graduated from the U. S. Naval Academy in June 1974 and was designated a Naval Aviator in September 1975. In addition, Rear Admiral Brooks is a graduate of the Naval Postgraduate School where he received a Masters Degree in Computer Information Systems Management, the Naval War College where he received a Masters Degree in National Security and Strategic Studies, and the Armed Forces Staff College.

Operationally, Rear Admiral Brooks served in Patrol Squadron One, Patrol Squadron Forty-Eight, and Patrol Wing Ten and commanded Patrol Squadron Nineteen and Patrol Wing Five. Additionally, he served aboard USS *Enterprise* (CVN 65) as the Operations Admin Officer and Training Officer and earned designation as a Fleet Officer of the Deck and Surface Warfare Officer.

Ashore, Rear Admiral Brooks served as an Instructor/ Standardization Pilot and Student Control Officer in Training Squadron Twenty-Eight. Major Staff duty tours include Aviation Programs Analyst, Programming Division (N80), Office of the Chief of Naval Operations and on the Joint Staff (J3) as Head, Programs, Budget, and Requirements Branch, Counter Narcotics Division. Additionally, Rear Admiral Brooks served as the Executive Assistant to Director, Air Warfare (N88), Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, and as a CNO Fellow on the CNO Strategic Studies Group where he selected for Flag Rank in December of 1998. In August 1999, he returned to the Chief of Naval Operations Staff where he served as Deputy Director and Fleet Liaison for Space, Information Warfare, Command and Control (N6B) until August 2000. In September 2000, he assumed position as Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Force Atlantic. He assumed his current position in August 2003 as Commander, Naval Safety Center.

Rear Admiral Brooks has been awarded the Legion of Merit (three), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (two), Navy Commendation Medal (two), Navy Achievement Medal, and various other service awards.

Rear Admiral Brooks is married to the former Sheryl R. Landesman of Natick, Mass. They are the proud parents of three children: Emily, Sam and Annie, and reside in Seaford, Virginia.